



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

May 19, 2015

The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE SPECIFIED AND COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT
TO THE SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN FOUNDATION FOR ITS VISION PLAN
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate amounts not to exceed \$1,165,100 in residual Specified Excess Funds and \$3,209,900 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation for general improvements at South Coast Botanic Garden.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,165,100 in residual Specified Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District to the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation for its Vision Plan Improvements Project.
2. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$3,209,900 in County Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District to the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation for its Vision Plan Improvements Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant, in the total not to exceed \$4,375,000, to the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the

Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate a total not to exceed amount of \$4,375,000, including \$1,165,100 in Specified Excess Funds and \$3,209,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) to the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation (SCBGF) for its Vision Plan Improvements Project (Project).

The proposed Project involves general improvements to South Coast Botanic Garden including revitalization of the entrance, refurbishment of the administration building, improvements to the Rose Garden, removal of sediment, and purchase and installation of new lining at the lake. The estimated total project cost is \$4,575,000. The recommended Excess Funds will be supplemented by \$200,000 of donations from individuals and corporations.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award the grant when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, if applicable, and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting activities in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in an amount not to exceed \$4,375,000, is budgeted in the Fourth Supervisorial District's portion of RPOSD's Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. SCBGF has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Funds grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for County Projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by

the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide for governing the administration of District grants. The Procedural Guide will also govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation is the lead agency for the Project.

The appropriate environmental documentation for the Project will be brought to the Board for consideration prior to requesting authorization to construct the project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grants have been met and the Project Agreements have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and one copy to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney".

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Director

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County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors